

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

09/898,209

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Md S. Elahee

Art Unit

2645

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 11/22/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-4, 7-15, 19 and 20 (rearranged claims are 1-14).
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 21 April 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Robert T. Canavan on 05/24/05.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 19, line 11 "an active phone call" was changed to --the active voice phone call--.

Claims 26-37 were deleted.

### ***Reasons for Allowance***

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 2-4, 7-15, 19 and 20 are allowed.

Regarding claims 7 and 19, the prior art Wenk and Examiner's newly discovered reference, Hansson fail to teach, after having all the limitations, during an active voice phone call transmitting predetermined command from docking station to network call controller in order to cause the network controller to transfer the active voice phone call from the personal communications device to an alternative communications device without an incoming ring signal. Since, claims 2-4, 8-15 are dependent on claim 7 and claim 20 is dependent on claim 19, claims 2-4, 8-15 and 20 are allowed.

Examiner's newly discovered references, Burger and Pepe also fail to teach, after having all the limitations, during an active voice phone call, in response to detect engagement or disengagement of a personal communications device with a housing of a docking station transmitting predetermined command from the docking station to network call controller in order to cause the network controller to transfer the active voice phone call from the personal communications device to an alternative communications device without an incoming ring signal. Since, claims 2-4, 8-15 are dependent on claim 7 and claim 20 is dependent on claim 19, claims 2-4, 8-15 and 20 are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### *Conclusion*

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Md S. Elahee whose telephone number is (571) 272-7536. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon to Fri from 8:30am to 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Fan Tsang can be reached on (571) 272-7547. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Patent Application

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Filing Date	07/03/2001
Examiner:	Elahee, Md S.
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Title	Method and Apparatus for Controlling a Network Device

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Please make of record the attached 5 sheet(s) of formal drawing for above-identified application which are submitted for approval.

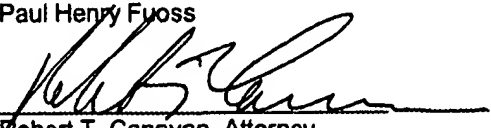
☒ These drawings are submitted to replace the informal drawings filed with the application.

☐ These drawings are submitted in response to the Examiner's objections made in Paper No. \_\_\_\_.

☐ This application was allowed by the Examiner on \_\_\_\_\_ and the formal drawings are submitted in response to the Examiner's Notice of Allowability and the Patent Office Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review attached to Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.

Respectfully,  
Paul Henry Fuoss

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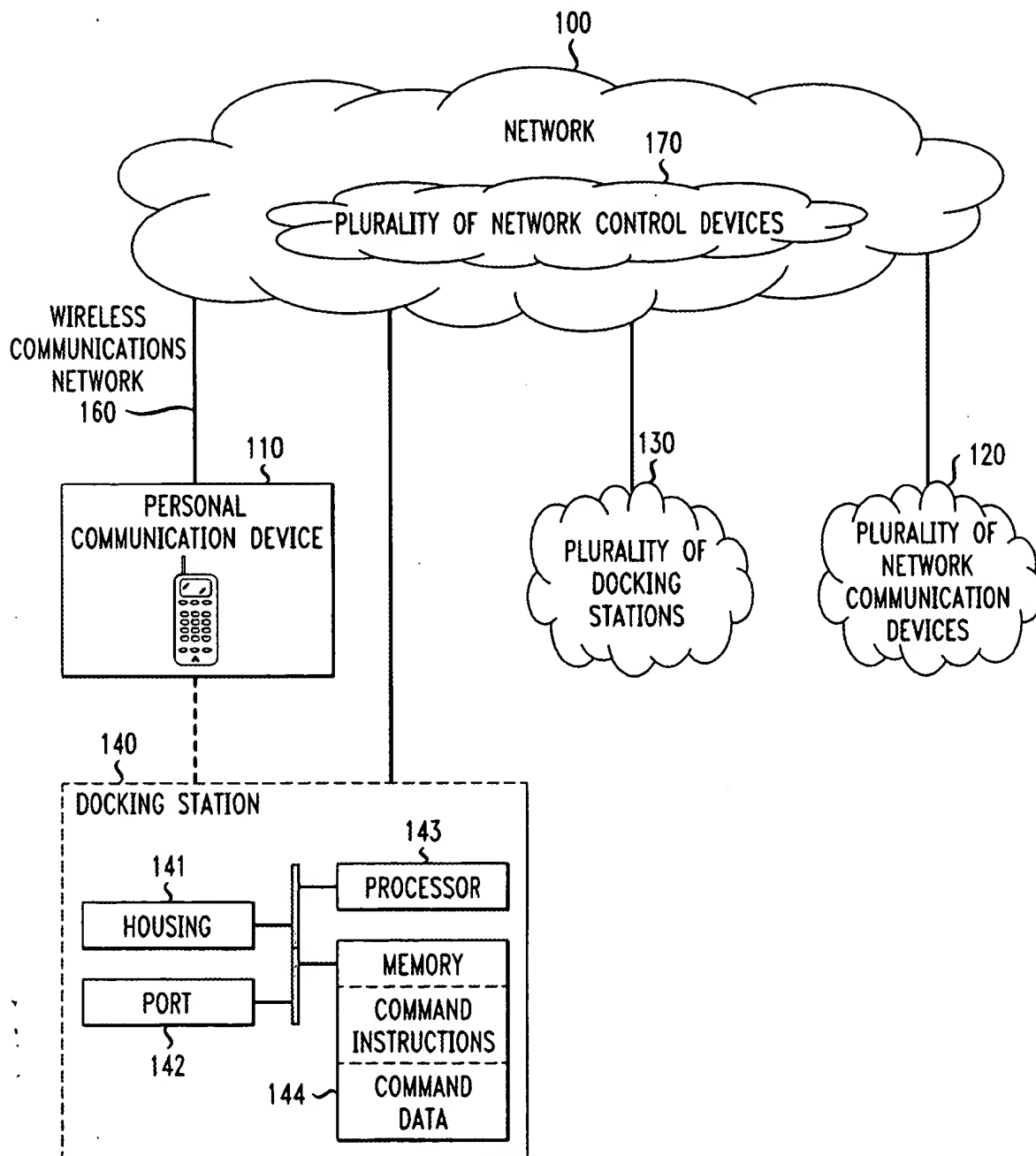
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FIG. 1



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FIG. 2

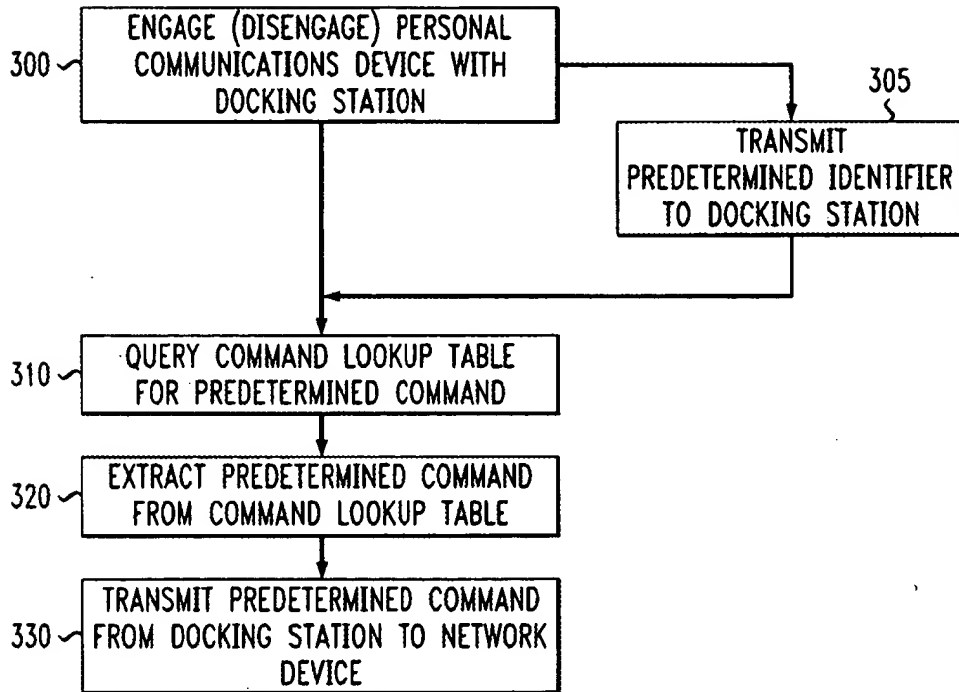
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	LOOKUP TABLE	210 PREDETERMINED IDENTIFIER	220 PREDETERMINED COMMAND
230 ~	ENTRY 1a	DEFAULT INSERTION COMMAND	TransferActiveCall, NetworkAddress1, PhoneNumber1
235 ~	ENTRY 1b	DEFAULT REMOVAL COMMAND	TransferActiveCall, NetworkAddress1, CellPhoneNumber
240 ~	ENTRY 2	I1	TransferActiveCall, NetworkAddress2, PhoneNumber2
250 ~	ENTRY 3	I2	TransferActiveCall, NetworkAddress3, PhoneNumber3
260 ~	ENTRY 4	I3 255.255.255.255	TransferActiveCall, NetworkAddress3, 255.255.255.255
270 ~	ENTRY N	I4 255.255.255.255 7325551212	TransferActiveCall, 255.255.255.255 (732) 555-1212
280 ~	NONE	NONE	TurnOnVoiceMail, 255.255.255.255 7325551212

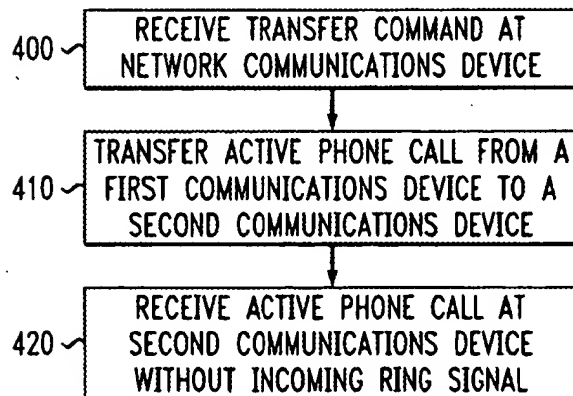


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*FIG. 3*



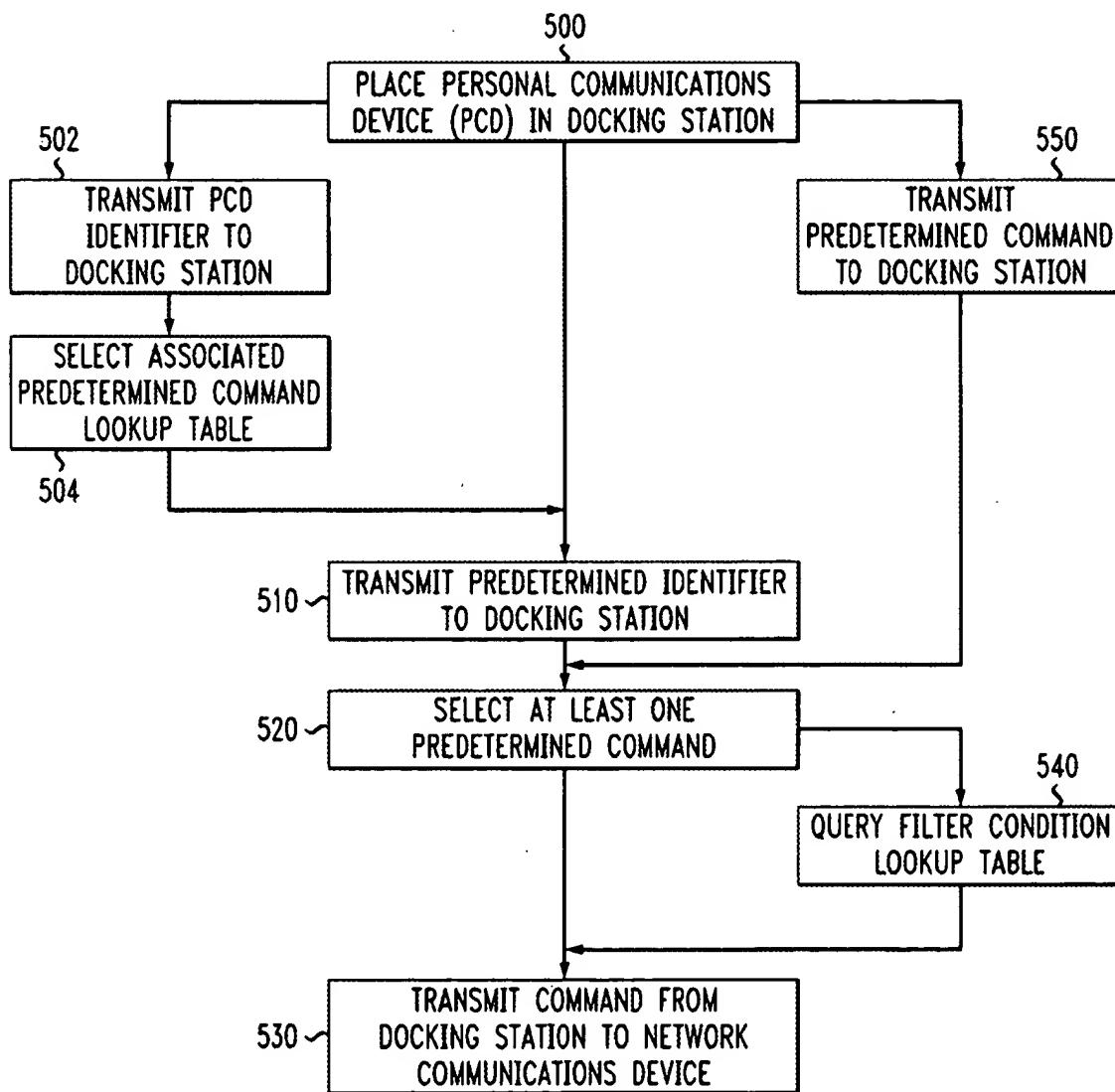
*FIG. 4*





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FIG. 5



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FIG. 6

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LOOKUP  
TABLE

NETWORK  
ADDRESS

FILTER  
CONDITION

ENTRY 1

NetworkAddress1

AVAILABLE

ENTRY 2

NetworkAddress2

ACCEPT

ENTRY 3

NetworkAddress3

REJECT